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The self-improvement goal is two-fold, she explains. Not only will the communication skills allow her to expand her own horizons, they will provide her with the tools to help others. "I'm interested in doing volunteer work with Alzheimer patients," she notes. "I know from having amnesia that loss of memory is the most frightening and debilitating thing that can happen to you."

HOMECOMING '86

Approximately 3,500 alumni enjoyed a beautiful sunny day as they returned to their alma mater for Homecoming '86. October 18 (Clockwise from top photo) Last year's homecoming queen Shonda Klockie (left) from Hebron, Ohio, crowns this year's queen, Becky Barnes from Medina, Ohio, prior to the football game as homecoming king Dennis Moore from Pleasant City, Ohio, looks on. These three alumni enjoyed renewing past friendships at the Campus Center prior to the parade; and alumni band numbers marching in the parade included Chris Bright (foreground, middle) from Westerville, who is alumni band president, Don Lotts (background, left) from Columbus, who is alumni choir president, and Peggie Pagerberg Montgomery (foreground, right or drama) from Columbus, who is president of the alumni band.

80-year-old Marietta Peters enjoying 'a rebirth in life'—as an Otterbein student

by Valerie Klawitter

Fearing she was the victim of Alzheimer's disease three years ago, Marietta Peters sought the help of a psychiatrist. If she could learn and retain knowledge, the doctor informed her, the memory loss she was experiencing was neither Alzheimer’s nor senility. The former nurse, now 80, wrote herself a prescription that resulted in an amazing cure. She went back to school. Since 1984 Marietta has earned straight A's as a part-time Otterbein student. Her severe memory impairment, which she later learned was a form of amnesia, brought on by the trauma of losing her elderly mother, disappeared when she re-entered the classroom environment.

Rather than dwell on life's hard knocks, Marietta says she strengthened her resolve to concentrate on positive endeavors—education in particular. "If you don't try, you can lead a pretty dull life. Compared to others in my peer group, I'm having almost a rebirth in my life." The Westerville woman is enrolled in the Adult Degree Program at Otterbein. "I usually sign up for two classes," she remarks, "but right now I could only schedule the one psychology course." To date, she has taken an integrative studies course, expository writing class and two psychology classes. "I'm going to take all of the psychology courses, because it's something I'm vastly interested in. But basically, I'm taking anything that's related to the art of communication, because that's the area where I want to improve myself."

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**Speech and Theatre Alums enjoy Homecoming Reunion**

by Marla Kuhlman

Speech and theatre department alumni reunited at their alma mater during 1986 Homecoming festivities, Oct. 18. As special guests of the College for Homecoming, approximately 50 graduates of the two departments returned and enjoyed the day reminiscing about the past and conversing about the present. A special tent was set up at the corner of Main and Grove streets for these alumni to use as their reunion headquarters for the day.

Most of the speech/theatre alumni present were from Ohio and Kentucky and are currently involved in a variety of careers. John Bullis '56, for example, is vice president of organization planning and development for BATUS, which owns companies like Mar-staff Fields, Appleton Papers and IV Company.

"My speech training has been very helpful to me," said Mr. Bullis. "Writing and communication are the most important skills in the business world.

Don Bell, a 1958 speech alumnus and Reynoldsburg, Ohio, resident, is currently audiovisual director of the Whittall (Ohio) City Schools.

"Otterbein has always been my favorite school," he stated. "It made graduate school easy for me."

Dini Fisher Parsons, a 1964 speech alumnus, is a learning disabilities teacher at Worthington High School in Worthington, Ohio, while 1977 speech/theatre alumna Janet James Sauter is teaching at Miami University's Middletown branch.

Margi Stickney, a 1974 theatre alumnus from Lexington, Ky., is a horse trainer in Lexington.

**Chemistry Department receives NSF grant**

The strength of Otterbein College's chemistry program was recently recognized and rewarded by the National Science Foundation. As recipient of a $12,129 NSF College Science Instrumentation Program grant, the College's chemistry department is now able to purchase a Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrophotometer.

According to Kathy Booth, director of major gifts at the College, the grant was made to assist Otterbein in purchasing a computer interfaced machine that will permit new infrared spectroscopy experiments to be introduced into the chemistry curriculum.

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**High School Day attracts record crowd**

Otterbein hosted a record-breaking 675 students and their parents Oct. 4 during the annual High School Day. Most of High School Day was spent in academic sessions that allowed students to learn more about an academic program of their interest and in gatherings that enabled them to talk with faculty members. Entertainment by Opus Zero, one of Otterbein's select music groups, and a campus tour by the Host and Tour staff of 45 Otterbein students also was provided.

**Faculty and Staff News 'n notes**

In the English department... James Gorman, assistant professor of English, has co-authored a collection of short stories in a book that was published this summer by Bottom Dog Press. Titled *The Family Stories,* the book includes six semi-autobiographical short stories, three written by Dr. Gorman and three by Peter Desy, professor of English at Ohio University's Lancaster campus. Although the collaborative effort is a "first book" by Dr. Gorman, several of his short stories and articles have been published in various magazines and newspapers.

In the foreign language department... department chairman Roger Neff spent part of his summer in France videotaping the countryside, and especially the Dijon area, for a tape that he is producing that will be used for recruiting for the College's Dijon study program. Dr. Neff says he hopes to make several copies available for use by the Office of Admission and campus-wide.

In the home economics department... department chair Jean Spero reports that the College's historical costume collection, featured in the fall 1985 issue of Towers magazine, has been increased thanks to several gifts. A ballerina-style gown from the College, the grant was made to assist Otterbein in purchasing a computer interfaced machine that will permit new infrared spectroscopy experiments to be introduced into the chemistry curriculum. "This is a very competitive type grant," says Professor of Chemistry Jerry Jenkins, who was instrumental in coordinating the grant proposal. "Virtually every small school in the country was interested in obtaining this grant. I believe only two other NSF chemistry grants were awarded in Ohio. It's unusual for small colleges to be able to purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as this."

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In the nursing department... Diane Jedlicka, an assistant professor of nursing, who is also a nurse for the LifeFlight program of Grant Hospital in Columbus, has acquired her flight wings signifying the end of her training period. With her background and interest in critical care, Ms. Jedlicka was asked by Grant's chief flight nurse if she would be interested in the program and agreed to attend. Her training included a week of training as part of her 1985 spring term abroad. To acquire her flight wings and become certified as a LifeFlight nurse, she had to complete a year of practice or ride on 50 flights. During the summer, Ms. Jedlicka worked with LifeFlight approximately 20 hours a week, but with classes now in session, she says she flies one 12-hour shift a week. Ms. Jedlicka also completed a research project in conjunction with her work at Grant and presented a report of her research at the October meeting of the National Flight Nurses Association in Lexington, Va.

In the speech communication department... department chairman John Ludlum was awarded a 1986 certificate of merit for academic advising. The award was presented by ACT-NACADA, a national organization for academic advising. He was one of 37 teachers nationally honored with the certificate. Kevin Jones, who joined the department staff this year, presented a paper titled "Unethical Healing: The Rhetoric of Peter Popoff," at the national convention of the Speech Communications Association of America, Nov. 14 and 15 in Chicago.
College Relations writer now full time

Valerie Klawitter, who joined Otterbein's Office of College Relations as a part-time writer in August, is now full-time director of news information/staff writer for the College.

A former newspaper reporter with the Middletown Journal, Middletown, Ohio, Mrs. Klawitter replaces former staff writer Susan Greiner. The new director/writer, an alumna of Miami University, has freelanced for such local publications as 'Women's Voice of Columbus' and 'Food Service Focus.'

She resides in Grove City with her husband, Jim, and daughter, Darcy.

Students look up to Marietta Peters [FROM PAGE I]

psychology. "She is very good about attending and participating in class. She helps the other students along, actually. They like her and think she's spunky. They look up to her.

Self discipline is her secret to good grades. "I study three hours a day; two in the morning and one in the afternoon. I also use outside sources." Some may wonder if the long hours of study would be a burden to older eyes, but Marietta found a way to help in this department. "I nearly went blind in 1983. She underwent a corneal implant that greatly improved her vision.

Education has been a life-long process for Marietta, named for her father's alma mater, Marietta College. "When I went to Marietta High School in Marietta, Ohio," she comments, "the kids there nicknamed me 'City.'"

She graduated from Grant Hospital's nursing program in 1929. "I still have one of my Gibson Girl style graduation uniforms, along with the cap and high button shoes. I donated the rest to a historical collection.

After nine years of laboratory and X-ray work under Eugene F. McCampbell, former dean of The Ohio State University Medical School, she worked in the medical office of her husband, Columbus surgeon George E. Peters.

When the demands of motherhood increased, Marietta left nursing and turned her full-time attention to the rearing of four children.

Five years before her husband's death in 1950, Marietta says he began investing in farm land. "He didn't know anything about managing it and I didn't either, so I went back to school at Ohio State to learn." For the next 22 years, Marietta enjoyed her second successful career as a business woman in the farm management area.

As the oldest of four daughters who lost their father at an early age, raising her young children alone was almost a repeat of history for Marietta. "But I had it easier than my mother," she claims. "I had the benefit of an education and some life insurance. That's one reason why it really was a privilege to take care of my mother in her later years. I got a chance to pay her back for a remarkable feat of keeping four little girls together and seeing that they got an education."

Like Marietta, all three of her sisters became nurses—and three of the four nurses married doctors.

Marietta, who stays in touch with her family via mail, shares her Otterbein activities and interests. "My family actually considers my letters to them a source of information," she says with pride. "It's been a while since they've been to school themselves, you see. It makes me so happy—just a few short years ago they thought I'd have to enter a nursing home because of the amnesia."

It's important, the 80-year-old student stresses, for more older persons to return to school—not only for themselves, but for others as well. "If a friend tells me she overheard a boy talking about one of his classes at college. 'I sit beside an older woman,' he said, 'and if she can do it I know I can.' I was that older woman."

Educating oneself, she indicates, is a life-long proposition. "To be free is important," she says with certainty. "And to be free, one has to be educated."

On Campus

The artistry of three Otterbein visual arts faculty members—Earl Hassenpflug, Al Germanson and Joanne Stichweh—was on display Oct. 20 through Nov. 21 in the Dunlap Gallery of the Battle Fine Arts Center.

The works of art of Mr. Hassenpflug, visual arts department chairman and Otterbein faculty member since 1955, included both drawings and paintings of human figures and heads. Mr. Germanson, an assistant professor of visual arts and Otterbein faculty member for 22 years, exhibited a series of unique photographs that dealt with natural water scenes such as swamps and tidal basins. Ms. Stichweh's portion of the exhibit was a series of mixed media drawings/paintings of women executed in pastels, charcoal and acrylic paint. Ms. Stichweh is an instructor in the department.

The Los Angeles-based Jazz Tap Ensemble, offering a fresh style of entertainment by blending the art of jazz music with the precision of tap dancing, opened Otterbein's Artist Series, Oct. 20. A unique combination of three jazz musicians (pianist, percussion and bass) and three tap dancers, the Jazz Tap Ensemble is now in its seventh year of touring the nation. Future dates on the current calendar include soprano Susan Dunn January 15; The Acting Company presenting Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," April 14; and the famed musical group "The Ink Spots," Feb. 12.

Otterbein music faculty members have had a busy fall presenting concerts and recitals. The Faculty Chamber Music Recital, featuring pianists Diane Frasier Cross, Louise Earhart, Michael Haberkorn and department chairman Morton Achter, was held Sept. 21. The North Wind Quintet, which includes Associate Professor Lyle Barkhymer, held a concert Sept. 28. Joyce Breerton performed a saxophone recital Oct. 26. and Craig Johnson (baritone) presented a recital Oct. 31. The Marching Band held its annual show Nov. 2 in Cowan Hall, and the first concert of the year by Opus Zero was held Nov. 7. Other musical dates included a Nov. 8 concert by the Westerville Civic Symphony, Nov. 15 concert by the Women's Chamber Singers and Men's Glee Club, a Nov. 16 recital by mezzo-soprano Jenny Armendt, a Nov. 19 concert by the Percussion Ensemble, and a Nov. 22 concert by the Concert Choir.

The Rev. Joseph Tahwane, an Evangelical Presbyterian pastor from Soweto, South Africa, discussed current affairs in his native country in a speech to Otterbein students, faculty and staff Oct. 21. Born and educated in South Africa, Rev. Tahwane is pastor of Chiawelo Parish in Soweto (near Johannesburg) and is presently a visiting pastor to the First Presbyterian Church in Westerville.

Post Arthur Smith was the first of four authors to appear as part of the 1986-87 Otterbein College Writers Series. His poetry reading on Oct. 7 was held in the Philomathean Room. Currently an assistant professor of English at the University of Tennessee, Smith has been the recipient of many awards and fellowships. His poetry has been printed in numerous publications, including The New Yorker and The North American Review.

Dr. Larry Shinn, Otterbein trustee and dean of the college of arts and sciences at Bucknell University, spoke on campus Sept. 28 on the subject of cultures and culture conversions. An expert on the history of religions, Dr. Shinn has conducted research over the last six years on student conversion to Hare Krishna. Dr. Shinn's presentation was sponsored by the integrative studies department in conjunction with the department of religion and philosophy.

NCR awards computer to Otterbein junior

A complete computer system valued at $3,888 was recently awarded to Otterbein College junior Tamara S. Griffin of Smithville, Ohio, by the NCR Corporation. Now designated an "NCR Computer Scholar," Ms. Griffin will have the NCR PC 4i system (complete with dot matrix printer, printer cable, word processing and spread-sheet software) for private use during her student years. Upon graduation, the computer becomes the personal property of the Otterbein business and computer science major.

The Computer Scholar Grant, coordinated by The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) for NCR Corporation, was awarded to Ms. Griffin along with 34 other students enrolled at OFIC member institutions upon recommendation of their individual colleges.

In addition to being recommended by a college, students must be full-time upperclassmen majoring in a college-approved program leading toward graduation to qualify for the grant.

As a computer scholar, Ms. Griffin is requested to submit a one-page report annually to the academic dean's office describing how the computer has been used during the past year. This information is shared with the NCR and OFIC offices.

Depending on business conditions, it is the intent of NCR to continue this yearly program with OFIC member institutions.
Concert Choir tour stops at nine cities

The 44-voice Otterbein Concert Choir stopped in none of the cities in four states as part of its annual Christmas tour. The 1986 tour, under the direction of Craig Johnson, an assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, is titled "A Celebration of Advent and Christmas."

The tour began Nov. 30 with performances in Columbus and East Liverpool, Ohio, and ended Dec. 8 with the traditional concert at Nationwide Insurance Company headquarters in Columbus. In between, the choir performed at churches in Massillon and Lancaster, Ohio, Mueller, Pa. Flemington and Princeton, New Jersey, and New Haven, Conn. The choir also performed at the Otterbein Home in Lebanon, Ohio.

The Concert Choir’s repertoire included sacred music of the past five centuries.

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Another benefit of the new B.S.N. program, she feels, is that it will be more cost effective. One staff of faculty members will be required instead of the current separate specialty's for the associate and baccalaureate programs.

One reason for the curriculum revision. Dr. Strayer explains, is that professional and organizational activities, such as the American Nurses’ Association, the National League for Nursing and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, have all established that a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is necessary to become a professional registered nurse. The College is also responding to two emerging national trends in the delivery of health care services, she adds. With hospital care becoming more critical and rising health costs making alternative community- and home-based health care more common, it is becoming vital for nurses to have B.S.N. training.

To Carol Indorf, who received her A.S.N. degree from Otterbein in June, 1985 and has returned to earn her B.S.N., today’s job market for nurses requires a B.S.N. degree.

"I can see now the level of knowledge needed for nursing, with high tech equipment and high expectations of a nurse, is more than the A.S.N. level can provide," explains the senior from Beach City, Ohio, who also works as a nurse in the emergency room at Children’s Hospital in Columbus. "I think it’s a good step for Otterbein and the nursing profession to expect nurses to have a bachelor’s degree and to give them the best nursing practice possible while in school."

There are currently 50 students in the B.S.N. program and 100 students who are taking pre-requisites to enter the program, Dr. Strayer says. Her goal is to enroll 40 students in the first class of the "generic" B.S.N. program next fall. There are currently 88 students in the A.S.N. program. The last A.S.N. class was admitted this fall.

The nursing curriculum revision has been approved by the State Board of Nursing, and Dr. Strayer says she expects Ohio Board of Regents’ approval to open the new program in November. She adds that the nursing department’s relationship with Grant Hospital in Columbus will not be affected by the new curriculum.

January and February Calendar of Events

OTTERBEIN WINS MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY TITLE

Led by Tom Schnurr (center), a junior from Sandusky, Ohio, and Adam Steere (left), a freshman from Columbus, Otterbein easily captured the men’s Ohio Athletic Conference cross country championship Nov. 1. Schnurr and Steere finished second and third in the meet and formed an Ohio Athletic Conference team. It is the second league title for the men’s cross country team.